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Crop Weather Cattle on Feed Farm Labor

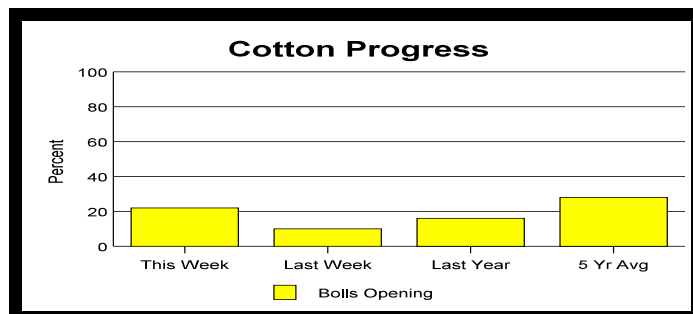
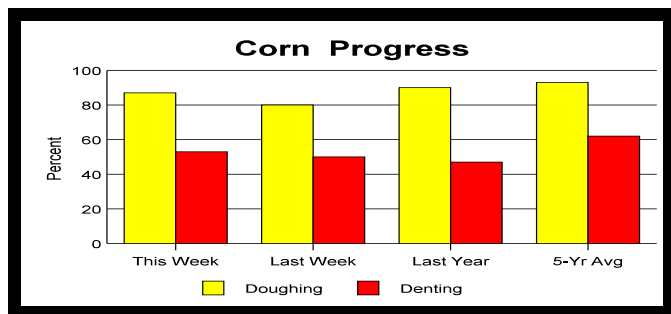
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2006

NEW MEXICO: There were 5.2 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 5% very short, 17% short, 59% adequate and 19% surplus. Wind damage was 13% light, and 1% moderate. Hail damage was reported as 2% light. Farmers spent the week baling hay, cleaning, cultivating, harvesting, weeding and drying fields due to the recent rains. Alfalfa was reported as 2% very poor, 5% poor, 19% fair, 56% good and 18% excellent with 80% of the fourth cutting complete and 31% of the fifth cutting complete. Irrigated sorghum was reported as fair to excellent with 66% headed, 18% coloring and 8% mature. Dry sorghum was reported as very poor to good condition with 42% headed and 2% coloring. Total sorghum condition was reported as 20% very poor, 26% poor, 19% fair, 30% good, and 5% excellent. Peanuts were reported as 2% very poor, 2% poor, 73% fair, 22% good and 1% excellent. Lettuce was reported as 76% planted. Pecan conditions were fair to excellent. Cotton was reported as 2% very poor, 7% poor, 22% fair, 52% good and 17% excellent with 22% bolls opening. Chile condition was reported as 1% very poor, 29% poor, 12% fair, 52% good and 6% excellent. Green chile was reported as 37% harvested. Corn condition was reported as 1% poor, 6% fair, 64% good, and 29% excellent, with 87% in the dough stage, 53% in the dent stage and 7% mature. Cattle conditions were reported at 1% very poor, 5% poor, 46% fair, 37% good and 11% excellent. Sheep were 6% very poor, 11% poor, 57% fair, 19% good and 7% excellent. Ranges and pastures received more moisture this week, with conditions reported as 4% very poor, 16% poor, 30% fair, 35% good and 15% excellent. Much of the state received some rain, flash floods in some areas. Some counties are still cleaning up and drying fields from the recent heavy rains. Ranchers have almost completely stopped supplemental feeding.

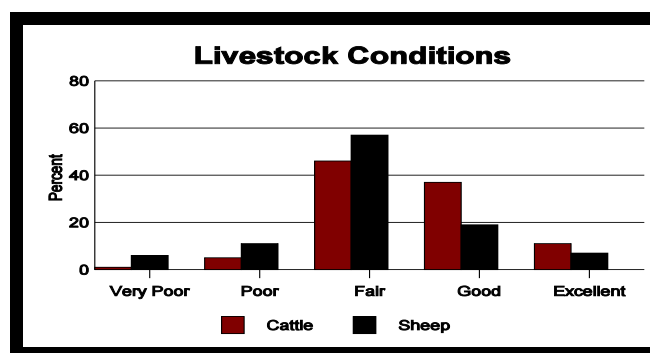
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Harvested	37	30	38	51
CORN	Doughing	87	80	90	93
CORN	Denting	53	50	47	62
COTTON	Bolls Opening	22	10	16	28
LETTUCE	Planted	76	75	79	76
SORGHUM	Headed	50	49	87	71
SORGHUM	Coloring	7	6	9	13
SORGHUM	Mature	3	3	3	1



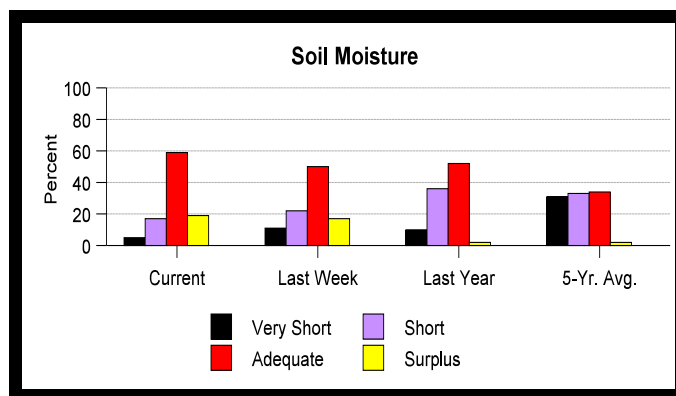
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	2	5	19	56	18
Apples	---	2	71	17	10
Chile	1	29	12	52	6
Corn	---	1	6	64	29
Cotton	2	7	22	52	17
Pecans	---	---	10	70	20
Peanuts	2	2	73	22	1
Sorghum (All)	20	26	19	30	5
Cattle	1	5	46	37	11
Sheep	6	11	57	19	7
Range/Pasture	4	16	30	35	15



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	11	29	50	10
Northeast	2	16	72	10
Southwest	8	10	35	47
Southeast	2	13	69	16
State Current	5	17	59	19
State-Last Week	11	22	50	17
State-Last Year	10	36	52	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	31	33	34	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

Scattered showers and thunderstorms produced measurable rainfall at all reporting locations, although activity was only isolated in the far northwest. Once again, some flash flooding was reported at various locations around the state. Des Moines/Capulin, Roswell and Ruidoso all measured over 2 inches of rainfall. Some data missing for Carrizozo, Los Alamos and Animas. Precipitation totals for the year were updated with final values from previous months.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - AUGUST 21 - 27, 2006

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	08/21 08/27	08/01 08/27	Normal Aug	01/01 08/27	Normal Jan-Aug
Farmington	71.3	88	50	0.04	0.77	1.05	4.73	5.36
Gallup	67.3	82	52	1.05	2.64	2.26	7.75	8.36
Capulin	63.1	85	45	2.92	4.47	2.56	11.69	13.08
Chama	61.1	82	42	1.10	4.32	2.82	13.48	13.90
Johnson Ranch	66.0	84	50	0.48	3.81	2.29	9.09	7.72
Las Vegas	65.6	82	52	0.14	6.04	4.27	13.35	13.87
Los Alamos	64.0	75	54	0.13	3.16	3.52	8.73	13.18
Raton	66.5	87	49	0.17	3.59	3.21	10.63	13.03
Red River	56.6	74	40	0.18	3.25	3.10	15.66	15.03
Santa Fe	67.6	83	53	0.19	4.29	2.39	9.63	10.03
Clayton	70.6	94	56	1.37	4.01	2.61	12.39	11.61
Clovis	75.3	93	60	0.35	4.73	3.17	10.87	12.74
Roy	68.4	86	53	1.15	6.38	2.81	12.06	11.84
Tucumcari	75.0	96	60	1.46	5.26	2.41	12.33	10.98
Grants	64.4	79	50	0.99	4.72	2.16	8.50	6.95
Quemado	62.4	78	43	0.16	3.73	3.12	8.89	9.68
Albuquerque	72.9	86	61	1.21	3.74	1.64	8.74	6.06
Carrizozo	0.0	0	0	0.00	1.84	2.69	8.09	8.24
Socorro	71.6	87	57	0.17	2.48	1.90	8.79	5.84
Gran Quivera	67.9	83	53	0.53	7.34	3.27	13.01	10.79
Moriarty	66.8	84	49	0.11	4.06	2.69	11.15	9.06
Ruidoso	62.6	79	45	2.01	9.28	4.04	20.37	15.03
Carlsbad	80.6	97	67	0.35	2.12	2.25	6.86	7.99
Roswell	76.1	93	64	2.06	5.98	2.03	10.11	8.77
Tatum	75.3	94	63	1.04	3.36	2.48	9.98	11.17
Alamogordo	75.9	89	62	1.20	5.75	2.41	8.88	7.92
Animas	71.3	88	54	1.86	3.45	2.34	8.07	7.08
Deming	75.8	93	60	0.34	3.27	2.05	6.35	6.48
Las Cruces	78.3	92	66	0.26	4.13	2.29	6.22	5.92
T or C	73.7	90	61	0.90	3.91	2.15	7.60	6.59

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 144,000 head on August 1. This compares to 140,000 head on July 1, 2006. Placements decreased by 10,000 head from June 2006 to a total of 23,000 head in July. Marketings also were down by 9,000 head to 18,000. Other disappearance remained at 1,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on August 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.96 million, 17 percent above 2005 and 14 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.91 million. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.96 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 2 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during July, 5 percent below 2005 but unchanged from 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Cattle on Feed, Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots											
	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	8/1/05	7/1/06	8/1/06	-----DURING-----								
7/05				6/06	7/06	7/05	6/06	7/06	7/05	6/06	7/06	
AZ	314	344	339	29	34	31	37	30	34	2	1	2
CA	530	530	515	72	73	55	59	74	67	3	4	3
CO	820	980	940	125	*170	150	200	*210	180	5	10	10
ID	250	230	225	36	58	36	45	55	40	1	3	1
IA	400	460	445	49	59	60	63	66	73	1	3	2
KS	2,190	2,280	2,360	480	445	590	470	550	495	20	15	15
NE	1,730	1,990	1,950	325	370	380	405	490	410	10	10	10
NM	134	140	144	23	33	23	18	27	18	3	1	1
OK	320	340	345	62	63	58	61	67	52	1	1	1
SD	143	180	165	15	29	24	30	41	38	3	3	1
TX	2,890	2,980	2,970	400	530	480	450	500	480	10	10	10
WA	137	148	154	26	39	33	30	31	26	1	1	1
Oth Sts	235	270	270	36	43	43	50	57	42	1	1	1
US	10,093	10,872	10,822	1,678	*1,946	1,963	1,918	*2,198	1,955	61	63	58

* Revised ^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 25,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona during the week of July 9-15, 2006, up 4.2 percent from a year ago. Average hours worked by all hired workers increased to 47.2 hours a week compared to 45.6 hours last year. Wage rates for field workers were down from the previous year at \$7.55 an hour, a decrease of 35 cents. Livestock worker wages were up to \$9.10, compared to \$8.11 an hour in July 2005. Overall, average wage rates for all hired agricultural workers increased to \$8.70 an hour.

UNITED STATES: There were 1,202,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 9-15, 2006, down 11 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 875,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 327,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.74 per hour during the July 2006 reference week, up 36 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.95 per hour, up 34 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.56 per hour compared with \$9.26 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.10 per hour, was up 32 cents from last year.

**Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
 Selected Regions and U.S., July 2005-2006 ^{1/}**

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	Jul 10-16 2005	Jul 9-15 2006	Jul 10-16 2005	Jul 9-15 2006	Jul 10-16 2005	Jul 9-15 2006	Jul 10-16 2005	Jul 9-15 2006
Workers on Farms	-----Thousands-----							
All Hired Workers	26	25	24	25	63	53	936	875
Hours Worked	-----Hours Per Week-----							
All Hired Workers	42.0	44.7	45.6	47.2	36.5	37.6	40.6	40.9
Wages By Work Type	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Field	8.62	8.33	7.90	7.55	8.07	8.53	8.61	8.95
Livestock	8.49	8.89	8.11	9.10	9.06	9.12	9.26	9.56
Field & Livestock	8.58	8.55	7.98	8.12	8.50	8.75	8.78	9.10
All Workers	9.20	9.34	8.53	8.70	9.27	9.38	9.38	9.74

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM.

^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.